

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at column 11, lines 3-34 as follows:

With reference now to FIGS. 5 and 6, prostheses, or grafts, 70 of the type previously described in connection with FIGS. 1A and 1B are shown, and the tubular members 71 of grafts, or prostheses, 70 have a biologically inert or biologically compatible coating 90 placed upon wall surfaces 74 of tubular shaped members 71. Examples of a suitable biologically inert coating would be porous polyurethane, Teflon.TM., or other conventional biologically inert plastic materials. The coating 90 should be thin and highly elastic so as not to interfere with the desired expansion and deformation of prosthesis, or graft, 70. Coating 90 may be further provided with a means for anchoring 91 (FIG. 6) the tubular member 71 to the body passageway 80. Anchoring means 91 may be comprised of a plurality of radially, outwardly extending projections 92 formed on the coating 90. As seen in FIG. 6, the radially outwardly extending projections 92 could comprise a plurality of ridges 93, or other types of radially, outwardly extending projections. Further, it may be desirable to have a plurality of openings 94 formed in coating 90, as shown in FIG. 5, whereby the fluid contained in body passageway 80 can be in direct contact with the dilated, or expanded, body passageway area. Examples of biologically compatible coatings 90 would include coatings made of absorbable polymers such as those used to ~~manufeture~~ manufacture absorbable sutures. Such absorbable polymers include ~~polyglycoides~~, ~~polylaceides~~ polyglycolides, polylactides, and copolymers thereof. Such absorbable polymers could also contain various types of drugs, whereby as the coating 90 is absorbed, or dissolves, the drug would be slowly released into the body passageway 80.